

# FAMILY MEDICINE

## SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Celebrating 46 Years of Family Medicine at West Virginia University

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## Research in the Department of Family Medicine Thrives Despite COVID-19

In spite of the COVID-19 outbreak and quarantine, it is an exciting time for research in the WVU Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Courtney Pilkerton joined the faculty and became the Assistant Director of Research. Dr. Carl Shrader and a team of co-investigators were funded by WVCTSI pop-up COVID-19 grant to study the transmission, life cycle, and outbreak experiences at Sundale Nursing Home, spawning multiple research articles and case reports currently in progress among faculty, current and former residents, and medical students. For the first time ever, there are two federally-funded faculty grants with DFM PI's underway. And there is a new Research Track curriculum being developed for the residency program.



# Promotions, Achievements, and Recognition



**Drs. Pilkerton, Leo, and Crocetti** received a preliminary pass on their American Board of Family Medicine board exam.



**Dr. Haggerty** was appointed to the P&T committee. She also passed her exam for the American Board of Obesity and is now designated as a Diplomat of the American Board of Obesity Medicine.



**Dr. Silverberg** guest-edited the "Adolescent Medicine" issue of Primary Care: Clinics in Office Practice (June 2020).



**Dr. Unger** is Vice President-elect of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture.



**Dr. Whipp** was appointed to the CAP committee.



**Samuel Pilla**  
Ross University



**Louis Yu**  
Aureus University



**Madison Eichstadt**  
WVU



**Trevor Aldred**  
Thomas Jefferson University



**Blake Brookshire**  
University of Texas

## New Faculty 2020-21



**Courtney Pilkerton, MD, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
Assistant Director of Research



**Ruben Tinajero, PsyD**  
Assistant Professor

# Conferences, Presentations, and Invitations

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Although many conferences and presentations were cancelled or made virtual due to COVID-19, we recognize and applaud those disseminating their knowledge and research.



**Dr. Ashcraft** presented the seminar, “Seventeen Days: Updating a Technology-Based EBI in the Digital Age,” to a national audience as part of the Office of Population Affairs series titled, “On Scaling: How to Market and Share Your Intervention.” June 2020.



**Dr. Sara Farjo’s** poster Knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) usage among the West Virginia University student health population was accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American College Health Association (ACHA) conference in June 2020.



Turner R, **Adelman M, Goodhart A, Barrickman A, Stamatakis M, Xiang J.** Assessment of anticholinergic medication use in geriatric patients at a rural family medicine clinic. Poster presentation accepted at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting. National Harbor, Maryland.



**Dr. Ponte** has been invited to be the Co-Chair of a sub-committee to develop the program, “Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES)” and Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE) Mentored Fellowship in Integrated Diabetes Management.



**Drs. Oreskovich and Unger** have been invited to conduct a national webinar on shoulder treatment for the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA).



**Dr. Silverberg** presented “Pre-travel Consultations” at ACHA; “Skin and soft tissue infections” and “Best practices for LGBTQ+ patient care” at the Urgent Care Association (UCA) annual meeting. He will be virtually presenting his lecture on care of refugees at AAFP’s Global Health Summit.



**Dr. Theeke** was featured on West Virginia Public Broadcasting – West Virginia Morning, and spoke on, “From Isolation to Zoom Meetings: The Coronavirus Is Changing Substance Use Recovery”

# Publications

**Adelman M, Goodhart A.** What are the optimal pain medications in patients on hemodialysis? Published in the *Ambulatory Care Newsletter*.

**Ashcraft AM, Farjo S, Ponte CD,** Dotson S, Sambamoorthi U, Murray PJ. (In press). Levonorgestrel emergency contraception access in WV community pharmacies. *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*.

Chang J, **Ashcraft AM.** HIV in adolescents: Risk, prevention, screening, and treatment. Published in *Primary Care: Clinics in Office Practice*. June 2020.

**Goodhart AL,** Johnson HA. The pharmacists behind the front lines. *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*. July 2020.

**Haggerty T,** Brabson L, Grogg K, Herschell A, Giacobbi P, Dino G. Usability Testing of an Electronic Health Application for Patient Activation on Weight Management. *mHealth*. (In press).

**King D, Xiang J.** Glucosamine Chondroitin and overall mortality in a US NHANES cohort. Accepted for publication in the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*.

**Peckens S, Adelman M, Ashcraft AM, Xiang J,** Sheppard B, **King D.** Improving COPD symptoms using a team-based approach in an Appalachian population *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*.

Sedney C, Dekeseredy P, **Haggerty T.** Stigmatizing Diagnoses in Neurosurgery: A Narrative Review. *World Neurosurgery*. (In press).

**Shrader C, Assadzandi S, Pilkerton C, Ashcraft AM.** Responding to a COVID-19 Outbreak at a Long-Term Care Facility. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. (In press).

**Silverberg B.** Conducting Preparticipation Sports Physicals in the Urgent Care Center. *Journal of Urgent Care Medicine*, May 2020.

Kessler R, Hinkle BT, **Moyers A, Silverberg B.** Adolescent Sexual Health. *Primary Care Clinics in Office Practice*, June 2020.

**Theeke L,** PhD. Integrating an online statistics course with a graduate nursing research course for enhanced learning. *Journal of Nursing Education*.

**Dr. Unger** was featured in the AAMA Board of Directors for writing the guest column based on a membership survey she conducted for AAMA.

## Research Announcement

WVU Procurement Contracting and Payment Services (PCPS) has launched a new prepaid card program, effective July 1, 2020, that impacts all human subject payments. These branded, reloadable prepaid MasterCards should be used for all human subject payments going forward. Studies currently in progress may continue to use the payment options previously approved by the IRB until the end of the study. Investigators may amend active studies and switch to the new system if desired.

Questions? Call Valerie Phillips at the WVU IRB (304)293-7073

## Upcoming Conferences

### September 2020

**9-12 (Virtual):** Care of Chronic Conditions

**13-15 (Virtual):** STFM Conference on Practice and Quality Improvement

**16-18 (Virtual):** Global Health Summit

### October 2020

**13-17 (Virtual):** Family Medicine Experience

### November 2020

**6-8:** Infectious Diseases and Emergency Medicine for Primary Care  
New Orleans, LA

**16-18 (Virtual):** Association of American Medical Colleges

**20-24: (Virtual):** North American Primary Care Research Group Conference

### January 2021

**9-13:** International Meeting for Simulation in Health Care  
New Orleans, LA